

THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating the parishes of Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton & Wynford Eagle

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 23rd November 2023

7.00pm at Compton Valence Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)(*Compton Valence*)

Ashley Stewart (AS) (Vice Chair) (*West Compton*)

Chris Bennett (CB) (*Wynford Eagle*)

Simon Simpson (SS) (*Toller Fratrum*)

No Members of the Public

Vacancy (Toller Fratrum)

Vacancy (West Compton)

Officer: Mrs Michele Harding, (Clerk)

Dorset Council Ward Councillor Anthony Alford

23/11-1. Welcome and Chairman's opening remarks.

CS welcomed all to the meeting no members of public in attendance.

23/11-2. To receive apologies for absence- Jeremy Russell and John Wynford.

23/11-3. To receive any declarations of personal or pecuniary interest or grants of dispensation- none

23/11-4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2023- Proposed AS Seconded SS- Approved

23/11-5. Matters arising from the minutes for information only- none.

23/11-6. Democratic Forum – CS spoke on behalf of a resident regarding the issue of deliveries to addresses with shared postcodes, some being on very narrow lanes where vehicles have had to reverse, and verges have been chewed up. The PC were asked to provide a map of the properties in the village. It was explained that if a group of residents would like to do this then this could be acceptable, but the PC would have Data protection issues. It was suggested that house/property names signs could be placed on gates and entrances to driveways, also the use of what three words for precise locations.

23/11-7. Dorset Council Report from Ward Councillor Tony Alford

This month saw the launch of the Home Upgrade Grant in Dorset, a government-funded scheme helping homeowners and landlords improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

The Dorset Integrated Care System has signed up to trial an innovative new product – the Milbotix SmartSocks – which can help sense when people with dementia or autism are in distress.

The socks, which track heart rate, sweat, temperature and motion, aim to enable those caring for people to intervene before issues escalate.

Dorset Council will welcome comments about the location and suitability of local polling stations.

Carbon emissions from council owned buildings have reduced by over 20 per cent in one year thanks to a major retrofit programme financed by a grant from central government.

The latest round of Community and Culture Project grants is now open for applications. The grants, which are managed by Dorset Council, welcome applications for projects and events for community, arts, accredited museums, heritage, sport, youth, play and physical activity.

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23/11-8. To discuss the vacancy of the Clerk

CS explained that sadly the Clerk had resigned and wished her well for the future, the PC will now advertise for a new clerk but in the meantime, Cllrs will need to take it in turn to clerk the meetings. The local parish clerks had been contacted to see if they would be interested in the role.

23/11-9. To discuss the timeline and how to engage new Cllrs for election 2024.

The Clerk explained the process for the election, nomination forms will be available from mid-February these can be handed in personally from Mid-March until 4th April, ready for the elections on 2nd May.

CS commented that people need to step up and support their parishes, given the issues raised by the parishes West Compton needs to find volunteers to come forward. Toller Fratrum will be down to one Cllr from May 2024.

23/11-10. To discuss the proposal by Openreach to erect Poles at West Compton

Cllrs discussed the issues following the proposal to install new poles at West Compton against the landowner's permission. Following many complaints to Openreach, the Pole objection team, the MP and Tony Alford, it is now hoped that the poles will not now be installed, Openreach tried to railroad their way in and install poles rather than placing the fibre underground. This is still ongoing so the pressure must be kept up.

23/11-11. To consider a financial contribution to the maintenance of the defibrillator at Compton Valence

CS asked the PC to support the purchase of pads for the defibrillator in the village at Compton Valence, this was agreed. Proposed AS Seconded SS

It was also suggested that defibs should be investigated at the other parishes, SS was tasked with finding out this information, the Clerk will supply some information on suppliers and funding for defibs. Proposed CB Seconded CS

23/11-12. Finance

i. To consider the budget and precept for 2024-25

The website up to now had been free but with increased costs there is now a small charge per month to host the site. Proposed CS Seconded CB All agreed.

ii. To approve all payments and receipts since the last meeting

Payments	Detail	Amount
Hugo Fox x 2 months	Website	£23.98
DAPTC	Training	£7.50
Admin	Oct & Nov	£465.90
CVVH	Hall Hire	£20.00

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Starboard Systems	Accounting software	£14.40
Receipts		
Lloyds	Interest	£8.14

Proposed CS Seconded AS Agreed

Bank Balance as at 31st October 2023 £ 5,235.73

23/11-13. Planning

- a. **To consider any planning applications in circulation - none**
- b. **To consider any other planning matters- none**

23/11-14. Highways Issues or reports

The PC have heard nothing from the highway's officers in relation to the stream and concrete edge onto the road in Compton Valance and SS reported an issue with a drain cover that has been tarmacked over. The Clerk will forward contact details of the officers for Cllrs to pursue. These will be reported again online.

23/11-15. Rights of Way

The issue of Green laning was discussed, AS was advised to look at the definitive map as this is incorrect, also consider signage saying no motorised vehicles. Also, that legal representation is advised at this stage.

a. Update on Finger post repairs- awaiting list of posts to be maintained.

CS reminded Cllrs to take pictures of any fingerposts in the parishes so these can be logged and monitored for repair. AS assured the PC that he was making progress and expects the costs to be in the region of £350 for the new roundel and materials, the invoices for materials will be forwarded to the Council. A new fingerpost has been installed at Tollerford by Frome Vauchurch Parish.

23/11-16. To consider any correspondence received- noted.

23/11-17. To consider items for the next PC meeting 21st March 2024- new clerk, elections

Meeting closed at 8.40pm